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APPLN. OF: MEYER ET AL.
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the following amendments be made to the above-identified application prior to the examination thereof by the Examiner, and prior to the calculation of fees.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend Fig. 11 to correct a minor typographical error, changing the numeral "3" to "4", as shown in red on the attached sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1-40 without prejudice. Please add new claims 41-100, as follows:

--41. A bill payment system comprising:

a biller generating at least one invoice for at least one customer, said invoice comprising a unique bar code, said bar code comprising data identifying at least said customer and said biller; and

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